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For : ISOLATION OF FIVE NOVEL GENES CODING FOR NEW Fc
RECEPTORS-TYPE MELANOMA INVOLVED IN THE
PATHOGENESIS OF LYMPHOMA/MYELOMA

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 9, 2003 COMMUNICATION

This Amendment is submitted in response to an April 9, 2003 Communication issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 9, 2003 Communication is due May 9, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 6, line 26, and insert the following paragraph:

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This invention provides a method for detecting a B cell malignancy or a type of B cell malignancy in a sample from a subject wherein the B cell malignancy comprises a